

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 35 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Kris Charles Bull for
his dedication to education and to his students.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and
commend our superlative educators who bring national attention to their respective school
systems by giving unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious resource—
our children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kris Bull, who has served with great distinction as an exceptional math
teacher at Harpeth High for twelve years, is one such extraordinary educator; and

WHEREAS, born in 1956 as the oldest of eight children, he is a 1974 honors graduate
of Dickson County Senior High School, where he was ranked 13th out of 308 students in his
class; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Bull received a bachelor of arts degree from David Lipscomb
University, where he studied Math, Greek, and Hebrew; in 1988 he achieved a Master's degree
in Education Administration from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, shortly before he began his esteemed tenure at Harpeth High School, Kris
Bull attended Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis from 1983-1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull has served his school and his students with enthusiasm, industry, and singular acumen, both as an exceptional teacher and as the estimable head of the Math Department; and

WHEREAS, Kris Bull is the epitome of a truly dedicated teacher who is always willing to go the “extra mile,” as evidenced by his teaching calculus from 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. because of an insufficient number of students for the school to offer calculus during the regular school day; and

WHEREAS, his very busy days are further extended by tutoring; he tutors not only Harpeth High School students, but also Dickson County and Cheatham County Central High School students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull's commitment to education is not limited to the 180-day school year; he also teaches during the summer for the Cheatham County School System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull's excellence and unprecedented devotion as an educator and role model for young people has long been recognized, as evidenced by his numerous nominations for Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates his students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming respect and appreciation that Kris Bull receives from his students is best expressed in his favorite quote describing his classroom: “Mr. Bull's room is the warm, fuzzy center of the Feel Good Department in the Academic Wing of Harpeth High”; and

WHEREAS, Kris Bull is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his adoring wife of 23 years, Glenda Ann Brumfield Bull, and his two children, Kristopher Howard Bull, a 1996 Harpeth High School graduate and valedictorian of his class, and Karmen Leigh Bull, a senior at Harpeth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish him and he is tremendously admired by students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Kris Bull is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Kris Charles Bull as a superlative educator, salute his peerless dedication and meritorious service to education, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.